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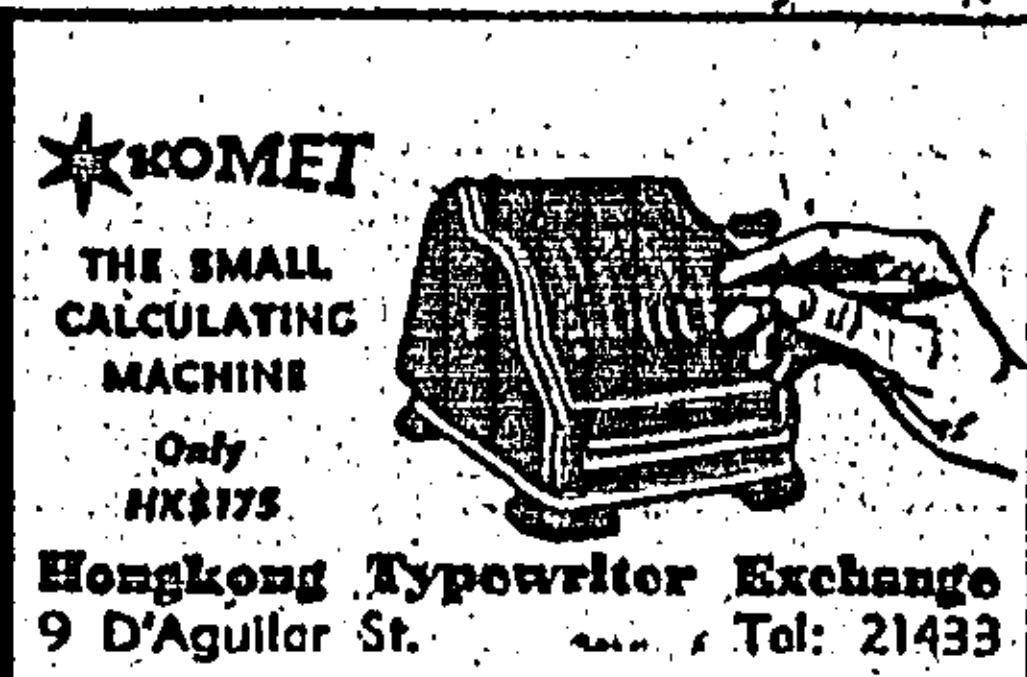
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COMMENT OF
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UN Truce Personnel

Mr. Anthony Eden's hint, given in the House of Commons on Wednesday, that Britain would like to see a unified command established in Korea represents very clearly the concern which the British Government feels about recent developments in Korea. The proposition, which it has now been made clear is occupying the attention of Lord Alexander during his visit to Tokyo and the war front, is admittedly a ticklish one. There is, however, no suggestion that there should be any surrender on the part of the United States of the high command. These rights are fully vested, recognised and willingly accepted by the rest of the United Nations taking part in the Korea campaign. Nor is there any complaint to be made about the manner in which the Supreme Commander has conducted the campaign; it has been in the best traditions of successful military tactics and strategy. All troops under the UN Command have fought with great skill and splendid inspiration.

THE concern which has developed in recent months in Britain and the Commonwealth is whether those military victories are being sufficiently exploited and consolidated in other directions; whether the United Nations Command could not make fuller and beneficial use of some of its non-American colleagues in the task of negotiating an armistice. The American truce delegation, and their staff officers, have tackled a difficult task with sustained resolution and have scrupulously remained steadfast to well-founded principles upon which a fair armistice must rest. It is true, nevertheless, that whereas the Communist delegation consists of both Chinese and North Koreans, the United Nations representation is exclusively American—and it is against the United States that the Communists principally direct their hostility. It is possible, therefore, that if the UN truce team were leavened with British or Commonwealth representatives, the Communists might be more willing to break the current deadlock. In any event, no harm could result from making such a move.

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY INCREASED TO 8 HOURS A DAY

Recent Rains Benefit The Reservoirs

**THE COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY HAS
BEEN INCREASED TO EIGHT HOURS A
DAY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AC-
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MENT MADE THIS MORNING.**

For the past six months the supply has been five hours a day, and the new easing of the fresh water consumption restrictions has been made possible as a direct result of the recent rains.

The new hours of supply, starting today, are from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mr. L. Jackson, the Chief Waterworks Engineer, warned today that the increased water supply does not mean there is any less need for every possible economy being practised in the use of water.

Mr. Eden's Pledge

London, June 12. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said tonight Britain is determined that Malaya should not fall under the domination of an alien aggressor.

He made the remark in a speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet for the Diplomatic Corps at Mansion House.

Mr. Eden said many British colonies are already far advanced along the road to independence and self-government.

Britain must see that conditions are created in which progress can be successfully carried out, he said. "Above all, we have to ensure their proper defence," Mr. Eden continued. "It would be a dreadful betrayal of our responsibilities if the people of Malaya, for example, were to fall under the domination of an alien aggressor. It would be a tragedy for the whole free world, we are determined that it shall not happen."—Associated Press.

Truman Not To Interfere

Washington, June 12. President Truman said this week he was leaving it entirely to the army to decide whether General MacArthur was breaking army regulations in agreeing to be the keynote speaker at the Republican Party's National Convention next month.

When correspondents at the President's weekly press conference said that under the Constitution, the President was Commander-in-Chief of the armed services and, therefore, had some responsibility for General MacArthur's action, Mr. Truman replied he was not exercising his authority in this case.

The Army said earlier this week it was not considering any action though its regulations forbid officers from engaging in political convention activities.

Mr. Truman gave a quick "No Comment" some 20 times when asked to discuss subjects including the Korean situation, the steel strike and immigration legislation.

He also declined to comment on a report that the American Command was ready to use atomic bombs as tactical weapons if the Communists attempted an all-out offensive in the Korean war.—Reuter.

Diplomat Loses Secret Papers

Kassel, June 12. The German press agency, DWA, reported today that a Slomian officer, Major Chiniano-Kunparr, had lost his brief case containing secret documents entrusted to him by his Government.

The brief case disappeared between Bad Hersfeld in Hesse and Hanover.—France-Press.

Three Gunmen Take Over A New York Hotel

New York, June 12. Three gunmen took over a New York hotel for three hours early today and systematically robbed at least 25 guests entering or preparing to leave.

The trio entered the Hotel Emerson at 4 a.m., imprisoned the night manager and the lift operator in a room and went to work.

One took over the telephone switchboard, another operated the lift, while the third man ran the reception desk.

Arriving and departing guests were robbed methodically of cash and jewellery, then pushed into the room with the imprisoned hotel staff.

At 7 a.m. the robbers left.

Detectives said later that the haul included more than \$500 in cash and \$2,500 in jewellery, including \$2,000 worth of uncut diamonds taken from a jeweller's salesman.

The man at the switchboard was a model telephone operator, the police said, carefully following the schedule of calls to awaken guests at specified times.—Reuter.

Kremlin Must Accept Big 3 Conditions For Four-Power Talks

Washington, June 12. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, met the British and French envoys today and diplomatic sources said they agreed to a meeting with Russia on Germany only if the Kremlin accepted conditions guaranteeing success.

Mr. Acheson called the Ambassadors to the State Department to express the firm belief that early Big Four talks on possible German unification would be futile and dangerous to Western unity.

United States officials said Mr. Acheson already had dispatched extraordinary messages to the British and French Foreign Offices which made it plain that the United States was dead set against early Big Four talks until the Soviet gives firm guarantees that negotiations will be profitable.

Russia asked for such a meeting. The French are pressing for it and the British favour it with some reservations.

Mr. Acheson first met the French Ambassador, M. Henri Bonnet, and conferred with him for 30 minutes, then conferred with the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, for an hour.

BASICALLY AGREED Diplomatic sources reported that there was no basic disagreement between the three countries on the proposed meeting which presumably would see discussion of East-West differences on Germany.

Sources here said the three diplomats agreed on procedures to be followed when the Allies answer Moscow's note of May 25 on Germany. United States officials said the note evaded every proposal the West made to solve the German problem.

Authoritative sources here said none of the three Western Powers was willing to agree to a meeting on German unification merely on the basis of the general Russian proposal to "talk" about the problem.

They were said to want more specific proposals with minor details settled before the meeting.—United Press.

New Job For Panyushkin Announced

London, June 12. Radio Moscow said tonight that Mr. Alexander Panyushkin, recent Soviet Ambassador to the United States, had been named Soviet envoy to Communist China.

Mr. Panyushkin recalled to Moscow last week, will be succeeded in Washington by Mr. Georgi Zorubin, former Ambassador to Britain.

In announcing the new appointment, Radio Moscow quoted a Tass news agency dispatch which said only: "Moscow has just announced Panyushkin's appointment as Soviet envoy to Communist China."

Mr. Panyushkin served as Soviet Ambassador to the United States from 1947. The announcement said that Nikolai Roachkin had been relieved as Ambassador to Red China.—United Press.

They were found guilty of assaulting a woman.—Reuter.

Labour Party's Declaration On Foreign Policy

London, June 12. The British Labour Party today published a declaration of foreign policy.

It declared that "the future of Asia depends above all on the leadership provided by the Indian sub-continent."

It declared also for rapid progress towards self-government in Malaya and for the introduction of the People's Government of China into the United Nations.

Affirming that the Peking Government was the effective Government of China and should be on the United Nations, the policy declaration said:

"It is clearly a travesty that the delegate from the rump regime of Chiang Kai-Shek should speak in the United Nations in the name of the Chinese people who have rejected him, and that the Labour Party believes that there can be no lasting political settlement in the Far East, which is not based on the recognition that the Peking Government is the effective Government of China, and as such, should represent that country in the United Nations."

The statement emphasises Labour's belief that every effort must be made to strengthen the authority of the United Nations. "Any attempt to make it the instrument of one military alliance against another would be disastrous."

The Commonwealth is described as "the supreme example of an international organisation which positively helps towards the development of a world society, since it imposes no limitations on co-operation between its members and other States outside."

"It is also a bridge between the peoples of European stock and the peoples of Asia and Africa; a bridge whose importance in the years to come cannot be overestimated."

SUPPORTS NATO The declaration makes these points:

1. The Party strongly supports the North Atlantic Treaty and says Britain and other nations must have sufficient military strength to fulfil their international obligations under the United Nations. It expresses a hope that the Soviet Union may soon be ready to negotiate a settlement and that an international agreement would then be achieved.

2. Britain must put the Commonwealth before all other regional groupings.

3. She cannot join a European federation or a European customs union.

4. The Labour Party supports the desire of the German people—for a united Germany and believes that this can only be achieved by free elections throughout Germany on the basis of a four-power agreement.

The statement strongly urges the construction of an international system of collective security within which German forces could serve without danger to their neighbours.

The policy declaration also quoted recent statements by the Labour Party's National Executive insisting that fresh elections should be held in Western Germany before the Adenauer Government undertakes any commitments for a German contribution to the European Defence Community.

FUTURE OF ASIA The statement is possible only within the context of the wider Atlantic community.

"Any form of European unity which might tend to weaken the Atlantic community is to be avoided. For this reason the Labour Party would oppose Britain joining a European army separate from NATO unless the United States and Canada were also prepared to join."—Reuter.

48 Hours Of Earth Tremors

Thousands Flee
Their Homes

Buenos Aires, June 12. Thousands of families are camping in the open or sheltering in military tents in the Andean province of San Juan following a 48-hour wave of earth tremors.

These reached a new peak today, when violent shocks this afternoon battered the southern tip of San Juan province and neighbouring Mendoza.

At least four people were killed and a score injured in Maradona, according to first reports.

Some villages, badly hit during the first shock, have been practically destroyed by subsequent ones.

At San Juan, where the first casualty list included one dead and 42 injured, a number of public buildings were damaged, including the Town Hall, Provincial Bank and the Federal Police Headquarters.

The affected zone is under a cold spell, which brought today's temperature over most of the zone to well below freezing point.

Communications between San Juan city and neighbouring areas with Buenos Aires were cut by one of the tremors.

The area has been under an earthquake alarm since Tuesday, when severe tremors brought down ruins left by the disastrous 1944 earthquake, which destroyed San Juan city, killing many thousand people.—Reuter.

Hair-Raising Experience

New York, June 12. A window cleaner, one hook of his safety belt torn loose, dangled 11 stories above New York's Madison Avenue for five minutes today.

His screams attracted a pedestrian far below who called the Fire Brigade.

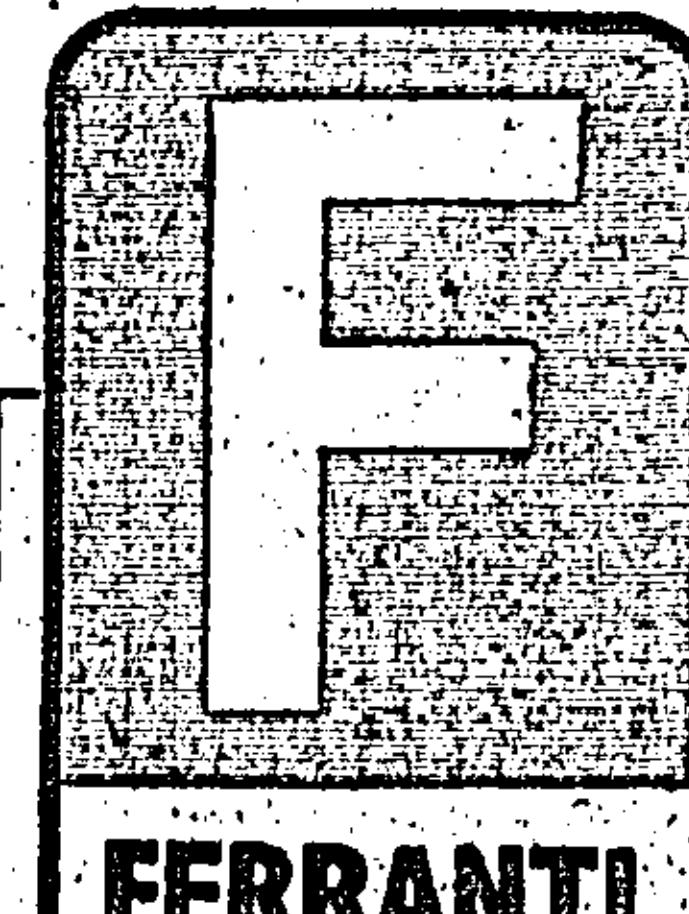
But before the firemen arrived he was pulled back to safety by three porters in the building.—Reuter.

Child Slays Mother

Cairo, June 12. A six-year-old Egyptian boy, taking a revolver for a toy, killed his mother today, police said.

Hassan Bassouli found the weapon in his father's drawer. He fired at his mother, who was preparing a meal. She dropped dead.—Reuter.

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40th Wedding Anniversary



President and Mme. Auriol of France celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary and pose, with their two grandsons, for this charming anniversary picture in the grounds of their private residence at Muret.—Express Photo.

Student's Luck

Copenhagen, June 12. A young Danish woman who sent a student 40 ore (about 3½d) so that he could send in a foothold post coupon, has just received back 1,600 kroner (250) as part of the price he won with it.

The young woman met the student when he was driving a car which she stopped to ask for a lift in the country.—Reuter.

CORPORAL'S DEATH

London, June 12. The military court of inquiry into the death of Corporal Hubert Smith, 24, of the Royal Hampshire Regiment, who was shot during army manoeuvres in the Exmouth area on May 27, has ended.

The court was reconvened on Tuesday and has been taking evidence from soldiers and officers taking part in the manoeuvres.

The court proceedings were private and its findings will not be published, but they may be referred to the civil authorities if any action is thought to be necessary.

Corporal Smith lived at Avenue Road, Southampton. He was taking part in the West Essex Brigade exercise and was in the training area with his platoon.

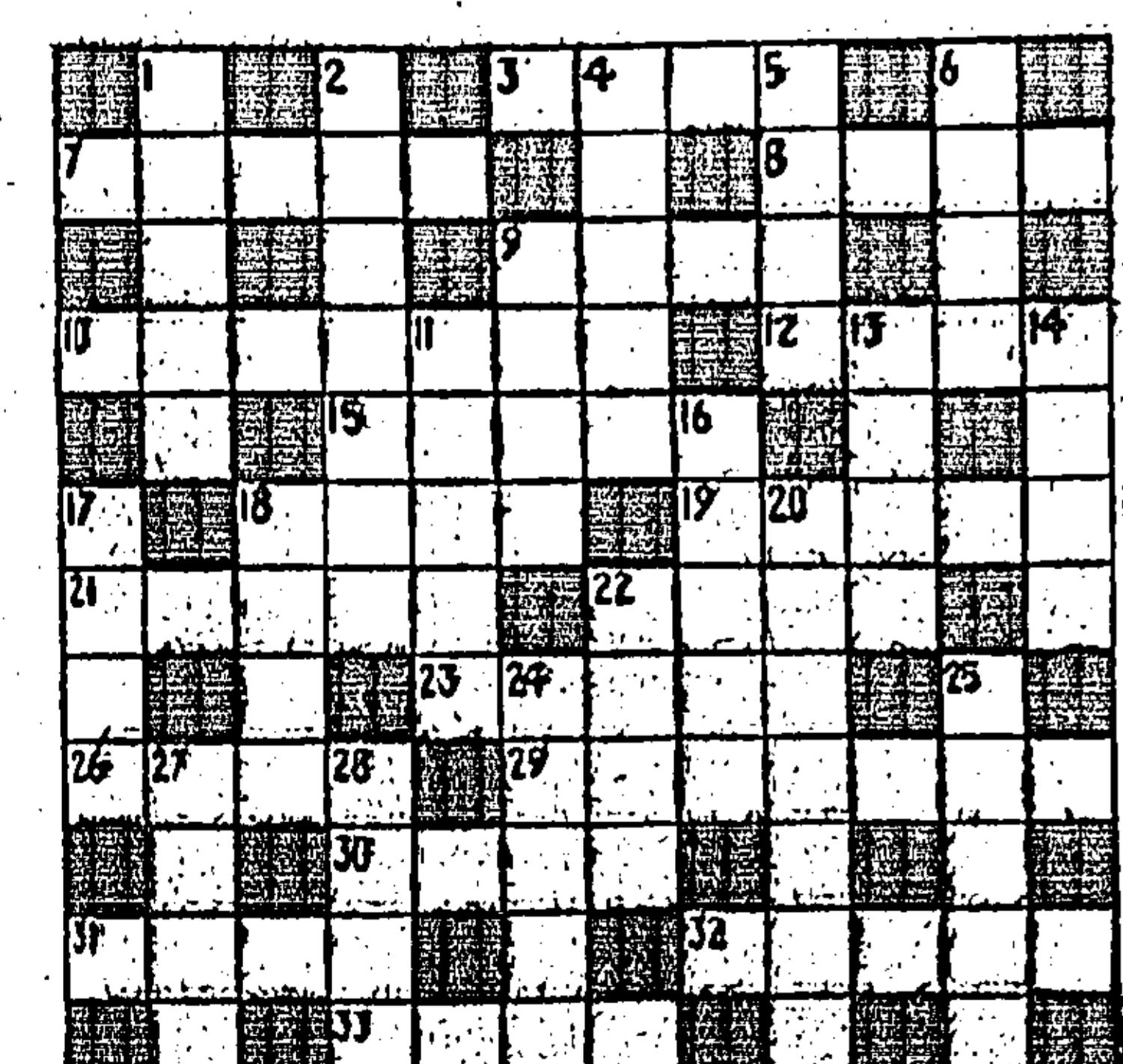
The platoon was "ambushed" and Corporal Smith was later picked up with a bullet wound in the face. He was dead on arrival at Exeter Hospital.—Reuter.

Warning By Australia

Geneva, June 12. Australia will cut immigration unless the decline in agricultural production stops, Mr. Louis Burns, Australian employers' delegate, told the International Labour Conference here today.

"The output and export of primary products has declined to an alarming extent, and unless corrected will have a most disturbing influence on the balance of our economy," he said.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS:

- 3 Precious metal (4).
- 7 Alarm (5).
- 8 Turn (4).
- 9 Sieve (4).
- 10 Gift (7).
- 11 Confidence (5).
- 12 Clever (4).
- 13 Dicop (4).
- 14 Catto (4).
- 15 Long (5).
- 16 Talk wildly (4).
- 17 Get away from (5).
- 18 Dregs (4).
- 19 Repeat (7).
- 20 Attitude (4).
- 21 Not (4).
- 22 Inch (4).
- 23 Twit (4).
- 24 Go to see (5).
- 25 Scatter (5).
- 26 Way out (4).
- 27 Hurried (4).
- 28 Twenty (5).
- 29 Does not include (3).
- 30 Facts (4).
- 31 Bank (4).
- 32 Cosy (4).
- 33 Take out (5).
- 34 Rib, perhaps (4).
- 35 Herborization (4).
- 36 Contineco (5).
- 37 Legs (4).
- 38 Ruth away (4).
- 39 Mean (4).
- 40 Asces (4).
- 41 Go to see (5).
- 42 Scatter (5).
- 43 Way out (4).
- 44 Hurried (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Candid, 7. Swift, 10. Tribune, 11. Note, 12. Rectified, 14. New, 15. Bear, 19. Resilience, 22. Lure, 24. Radar, 25. Party, 26. Set, 27. Rotted, 28. Down, 29. Amiable, 3. Distracted, 4. Detect, 6. Eminence, 8. Diff, 9. Attitude, 12. Enthusiastic, 13. Roget, 14. Foreword, 17. Attain, 18. Miser, 20. Impure, 21. Novelty, 22. Atom.

Treasure Ship Found

Durban, June 12. Treasure-hunters searching the sea bed off the coast of Pongolana, South Africa, have found what they believe is the wreck of the 18th Century East India merchantman, Grovernor, lost in these waters with a cargo valued at £10,000,000.

A piece of timber from the wreck will be sent to Chatham where the Grovernor was built more than 200 years ago, for examination by experts.

Oliver Paul Benebe found this stern of a ship about 400 yards from where "Lucky" Tom Devonshire found several ships' cannon two months ago.

The divers were operating from the treasure-hunting ship St. Boniface. Skipper John St. Made, a former naval lieutenant and salvage expert, went down to confirm Benebe's report.

He said the stern was about 40 feet long and about 20 feet wide. Apart from cannon balls, he said, he found three anchors.

Associated Press.

RUSSIAN OFFER TO CEYLON

Colombo, June 12. Soviet Russia has offered to supply Ceylon with sulphur, which is needed in fighting the old and new British diseases, but the Ceylon Government and the planters are reluctant to accept the offer.

The Government, meanwhile, is trying to obtain supplies from Belgium, Spain and Portugal for America. Ceylon's main source of sulphur has stopped all supplies as a result of Ceylon's shipping tonnage.

Colombo, June 12. The Security Council has refused to debate the Indo-Pakistani dispute.

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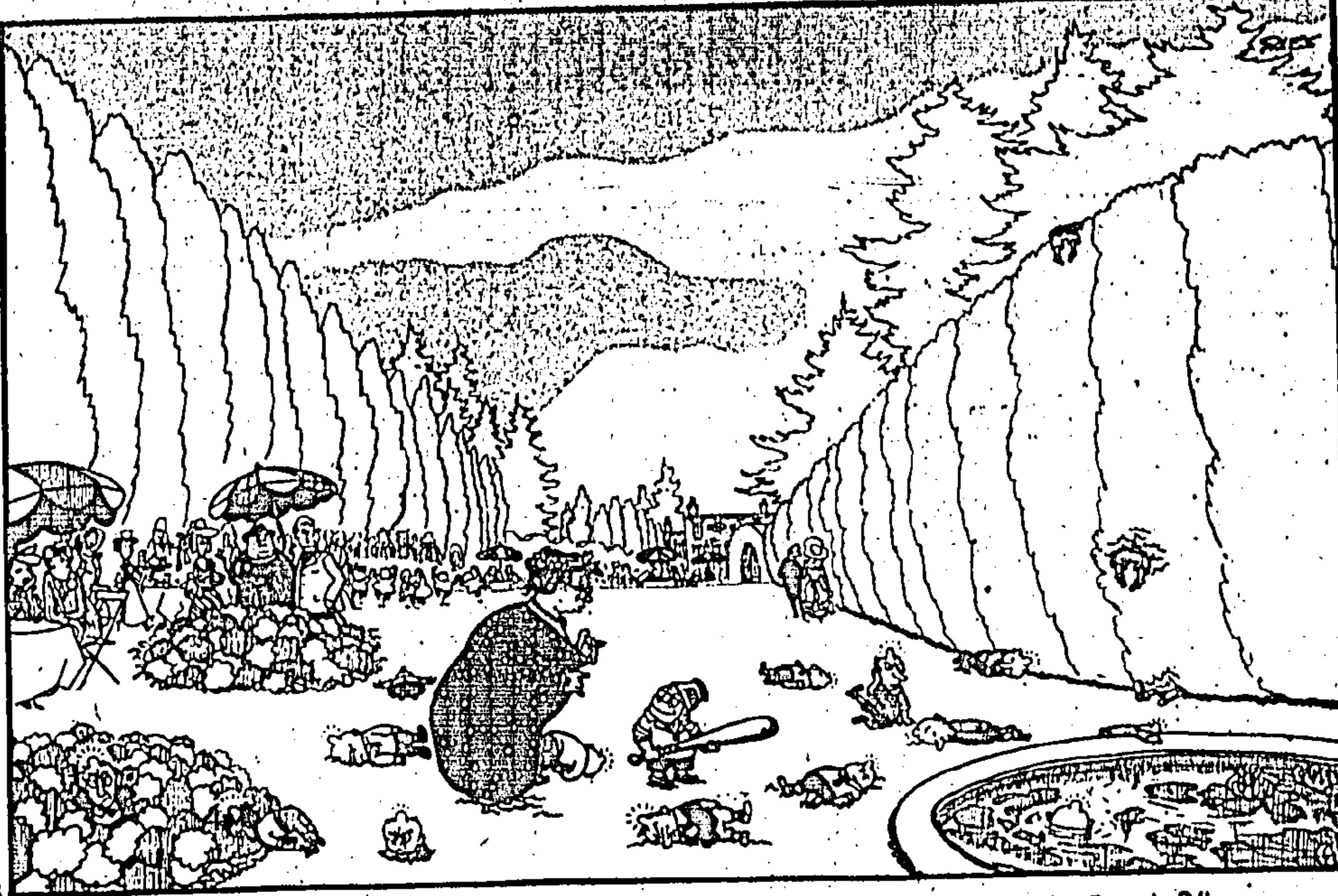
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"But Paris Riots is not a nice game to play at a garden-party, is it, Ronnie?"

London Express Service

'ATOM TRAITORS' STIR AUSTRALIA

By Peter Duffield

Melbourne.

AUSTRALIA—a land with no Fuchs, no Nunn May, no Pontercorvo, no Alger Hiss stories yet chalked up against her, a land relatively free of McCarthyism and "heresy hunting"—is perturbed to find herself today the centre of a new security storm brewed (and still brewing) in Canberra.

"I am entirely without remorse," snapped Foreign Minister Richard Casey, "at anything I was called upon to say"—with which wintery words Mr Casey refused to amend his claim in Australia's Parliament that there is a "nest of traitors" in Australia's public service.

In a bitter and heated debate earlier, Casey had confirmed the leakage to a Sydney Communist paper of a secret draft treaty between Australia and America.

"The fact must be," said Casey, "that some senior public servant has been so traitorous to his country as to have given this information to a Communist journal.

Prodigious country

IT is not the importance of the leakage—there is nothing essentially secret about it—but there is a small and extremely dangerous and traitorous Communist core which exists somewhere in the Commonwealth public service." The Government, said Casey, were doing their best to uncover the nest.

Opponents of the Government have already decided that this is the start of a new "witch-hunt."

But the storm is also symptomatic of some significant growing pains now suffered by the British Commonwealth's youngest white member.

Australia—formerly the country "down under," the country of prodigious spaces, prodigious sheep, prodigious swearwords, prodigious cricketers—has within the past few months garnered some dubious global fame.

At present the Commonwealth can summarily dismiss a public servant only if he acts in a

manner detrimental to defence and public safety.

1—About to play host for the first atom test in Commonwealth history;

2—Achieving senior international status as an artillery range for rockets;

3—Becoming a uranium producer of world rank.

With these new responsibilities comes a new necessity for being responsible within herself.

What is the position of the Australian Government faced with these new international cares today?

What can the Australian Government do—face with a Communist public servant in office?

The position is fascinating and unique.

In September last year the Australian Government, under Prime Minister Menzies, became the first Government in the world to ask their people to take part in a compulsory national quiz.

Australians were asked roughly, "Shall we or shall we not ban the Communists?"

In the referendum that was held—with compulsory (penalty, £2 fine) voting for every man and woman over 21—Australia answered "No."

Victorious opponents of Mr Menzies claim that this "triumph of democracy" has borne full fruit.

No major union—they say—is today in the hands of Communists.

But what has Menzies's defeat meant to him? His Government today cannot sack a man or woman merely because they are Communists—and it is possible for admitted or non-admitted Communists to hold positions freely in certain offices.

Who should go?

SOME of Mr Menzies's back-benchers—agitating for dismissals of Communists from public service—have urged legislation that will:

1—Remove potential traitors, and at the same time

2—Protect the innocent from victimisation, witch-hunting and smearing.

It is true that the Australian Parliament have the constitutional rights to legislate for the dismissal of "defined classes" of public servants.

The Cabinet's problem is how to define the classes of people it wants to dismiss.

At present the Commonwealth

echo of this system was heard in Australia when a woman who had long been in a position of trust as a Federal public servant (a confidential secretary in the Defence Department) was reported as "likely to leave" after security officers told the Federal Government that "immediate action" should be taken in her case.

It is likely that Colonel C.C.F. Spry, DSO, the 42-year-old Australian opposite of Sir Percy Sillitoe, of MI5, now in charge of Commonwealth security services, is preparing a new document on the public service at Canberra for the boss to whom he reports exclusively—Mr Menzies.

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From R. M. MacCOLL and NEWELL ROGERS

MYSTERY CADET DID NOT ANSWER THE ROLL

JUNE 4 was graduation day at West Point, America's Sandhurst, for 529 cadets. But Cadet 530, Dick Cox, a model student, did not answer the final roll call of his class.

That is because he answered a phone call to his barracks on the night of January 18, 1950.

A man named George invited him to dinner at an hotel on the edge of the academy grounds.

DICK set out on the 20-minute walk to the hotel. He has not been seen since.

Afterwards fellow cadets remembered curious stories he told about George—they were pals in the U.S. Occupation Army in Germany before Dick was sent up to West Point. George was a wartime U.S. Commando.

He boasted of torturing German prisoners, and of strangling his German sweetheart.

FOR two years the Army's C.I.D. G men, Governments, and Scotland Yard have hunted Dick and George.

The hunt has widened to Europe and to North and South America, even to Korea, where some of today's graduates will soon serve at the battlefield. Secret agents are still working on the greatest mystery in West Point's 150 years' history.

A REPORTER called a British Government official and asked:

"Is it true a knight is giving a birthday party in New York and the Queen will be there?"

Well, not quite. To celebrate the Queen's birthday Sir Gladwyn and Lady Jobb are giving a garden party on Thursday, and 700 UNO diplomats and New Yorkers have accepted invitations. Among them, Mr and Mrs Jacob Malik, of Russia.

NOW the Internal Reds get blamed for bad teeth. I have just heard a radio warning that worry over the cold war, international tension, and the high cost of living not only brings on ulcers and heart attacks, but helps to cause dental cavities.

A UNO information office has moved into an abandoned cafe just off Fifth Avenue. Over a curved bar women volunteers serve leaflets on human rights and disarmament. At tables illuminated by artificial pink candles students study world affairs.

MORE beefsteaks for American tables. Beef cattle herds are up to a record 82,000,000.

AN EXAMPLE of Eisenhower's tact is told by his housekeeper, Mrs C. Gage Lent. When a magazine wanted a copy of a picture of the Eisenhowers with the Royal Family, the general refused until no "cleared" it with the Duke of Edinburgh.

JOAN COLLINS is getting the full-blown Hollywood publicity. Magazine spreads show her as Britain's 19-year-old "Good girl who makes bad" in bad girl roles.

THE Theatre Guild wants a top-flight English actress for Nellie Child's play, "The Happy Ending." Guild chief Lawrence Langner is now in London looking for her.

THE HUMAN TOUCH Children learn road safety on

THE SIGNORA SIZES UP THE FAMOUS

by ROBERT BLAKE

CENTURY ago Ambassadors really mattered. Today they are little more than puppets gestulating to order at the end of a telegraph wire. But although their power has declined they and their wives still have great advantages. As observers of the follies, the eccentricities and frailties of those who control our destiny they have an incomparable position. For this reason their memoirs, however trivial, are seldom

they remained for three years. Signora Cerruti frequently met Hitler.

On the perennially fascinating question of the Führer's attitude to women she, naturally, had a firm view. He was, she says, "completely sexual in every way." But her judgment, based as it is on feminine intuition—that most fallible guide to truth—cannot be regarded as conclusive. The relations between Hitler and Eva Braun remain as mysterious as ever.



SIGNORA CERRUTI
... a matter of intuition.

The Cerrutis were entertained from time to time by Goering. This entertainment was never dull. One's host might begin by "apparing dressed in red velvet like a Renaissance grandee.

A quick change and he would return in grey breeches and a grey shirt with purple stripes.

Then accompanied by thirty forest guards in medieval costume he would escort his guests around his grotesque estate at Karinhall.

The aristocrat

She talks of the personages she met in Russia. There was Chicherin, as Soviet Foreign Minister, originally an aristocrat revering and gratifying his opulent tastes under the Bolshevik regime; something of a snob, too, for he never failed to elude in conversation to his aristocratic Italian cousins in Genoa.

Levin, who succeeded Chicherin as Foreign Minister, was a very different character. He took Bolshevism seriously and believed in austerity. Signora Cerruti's sharp eye noticed that Mme Litvinov (formerly Miss Ivy Low of London) always had holes in her stockings, and was obliged to borrow a fur coat from a State shop when she had to pay an official visit with her husband to Turkey.

From Russia, after a brief interval at Rio, the Cerrutis moved in 1932 to Berlin where

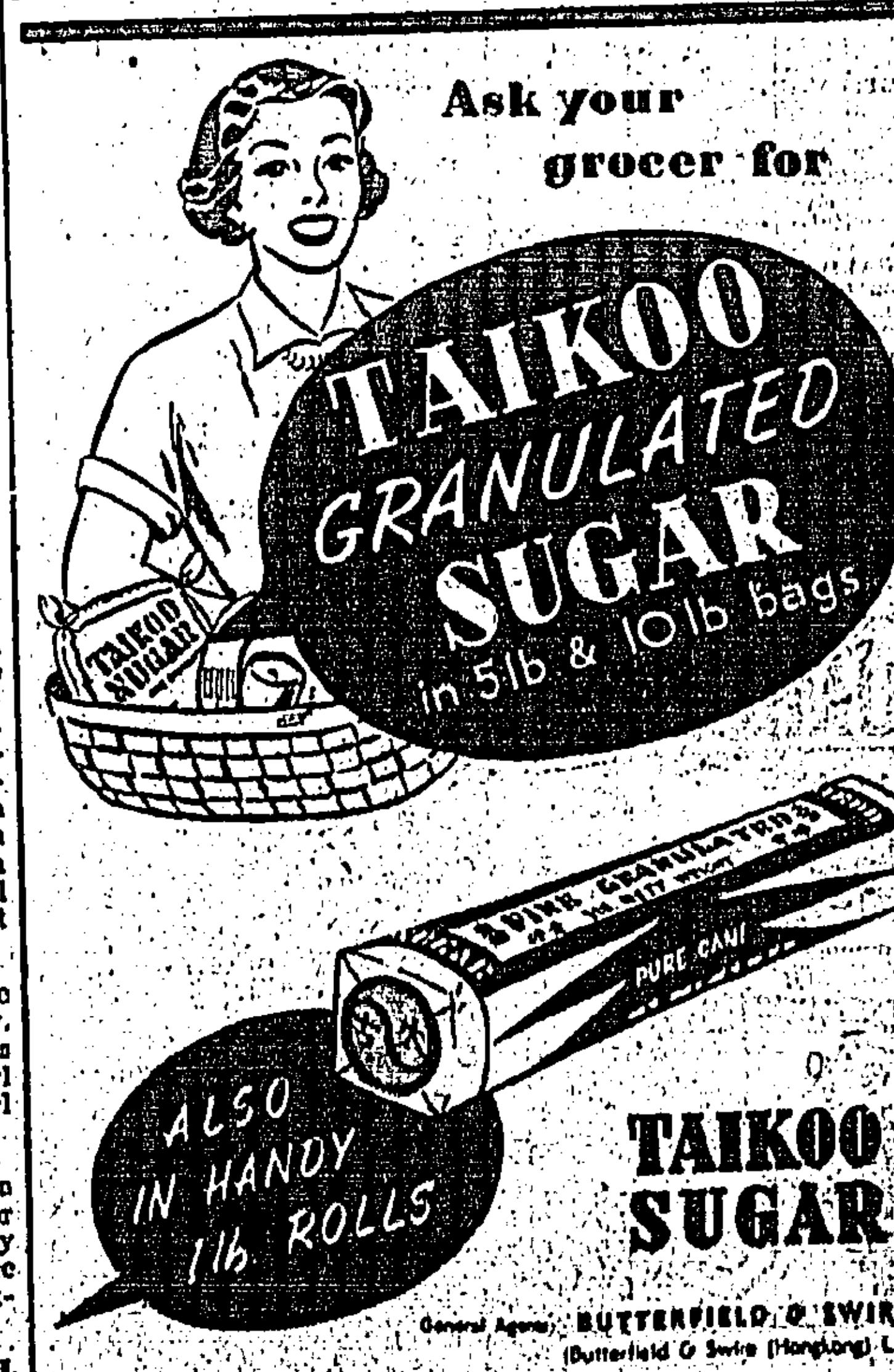
* AMBASSADOR'S WIFE, by Elizabeth Cerruti (Allen and Unwin, 1951).

Signora Cerruti had no use for Mussolini. She tells the story of a visit by Mr Eden to Rome on the eve of the Abyssinian war.

A luncheon was held in Eden's honour. The Duke, determined to insult him, arrived late wearing a patched old coat, an open shirt, tennis shoes, and no socks. He behaved as officially as possible throughout the meal, and the party broke up without a word being exchanged between the two men.

Serious? No

This is a book which will give pleasure to many. It is not, and does not claim to be, a serious contribution to the history of international relations. But it gives a vivid picture of scenes and people, and it may well be remembered long after the more solemn works of diplomatic history have mouldered away into dusty oblivion.



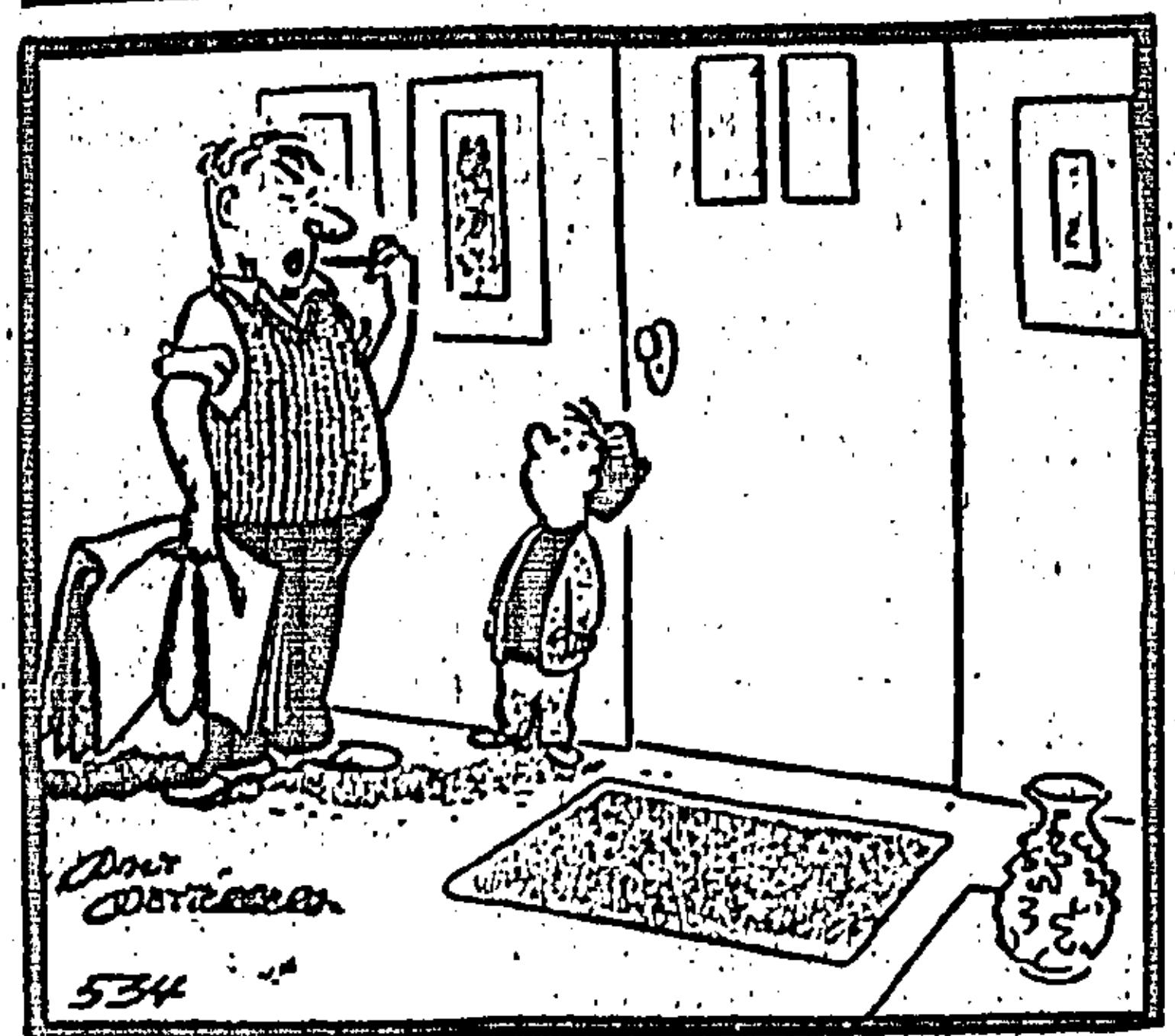
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"Your mother is out, so I think I may say without fear of contradiction."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE alert Hungarian democrats seem to have discovered a particularly vile plot, treasonary in its deviationism.

The Hungarian newspapers recently concentrated their fire against a film. The film was accused of selling a cap with a deviationist label inside it. This label showed an English gentleman wearing a golf cap, with the slogan 'Character of exploiting capitalism.'

The next thing is to find out whether this public propaganda is the work of Hungarian aristocrats, or a triumph of English exporters. Perhaps the caps are dropped by night, from planes, in lonely places, and gathered up by the communists, disguised as Hungarian peasants. At any rate, one can imagine the farmer of the Kisalfold or the gipsy of the sandy Nyitrai hiding the cap in a cupboard when the secret police arrive.

Ideological cup

COUNTER-MEASURES will probably include an order to all Hungarian collective hatters to sew into their labels the name of a member of a labour camp, wearing his golf cap with the happy smile characteristic of a People's Democracy. If this fails there will be a purge of leading hatters. But

simple workers, gazing at the gentle- man's golf cap and the supercilious grin, will still murmur: "We never knew it was like that in the capitalist countries. Fancy being free to wear any label you like inside your golf cap! Bright Welladay!"

In passing

CHILDREN'S minds having been completely ruled with films and radio, "we now come to the subject of education" (sic) by television. "What is really wanted is a Mechanical Educator. A combination of film radio, and television, which would be able to take classes of thousands, and in time the children would learn to work the machine themselves, thus finding an outlet for the waste of gadgets."

Abyssinian windfall

ROAST Abyssinian Beef and Yorkshire Pudding will look odd on the table when the supplies begin to arrive. But the Grand Maitre Chef de Haute Cuisine in many a silled gargoyle can be relied on to call it Quenelles de Pudding. Do you want to drink with it? Unquestionably, sir, this Chateau Medoc of 1950. It is a sound Burgundy, sir, matured in the cask. A full wine, sir, and cheap at 25s. ed. You like it, sir, or do you prefer it not?

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

BORN today, your intuitions are exceptionally strong and since you are also impulsive, the balance between the two. Curious impulses, especially in emotional matters and play, strict attention to your "bunches," when it comes to matters of your own up-holding. Once you have learned this lesson, you are well on the way to success.

Your ambitions are lofty and determination to carry through your ideas successfully. Inventive and ingenious you must learn to be happy in your emotional life, but not in your career. Select someone as affectionate—even as demonstrative as you are, yourself—and there can be a lasting happiness in store.

It is now that the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—of too many serious things. Bright music; a light book!

INTELLIGENCE TEST

DISASTER FOR DAN

By T. O. HARE

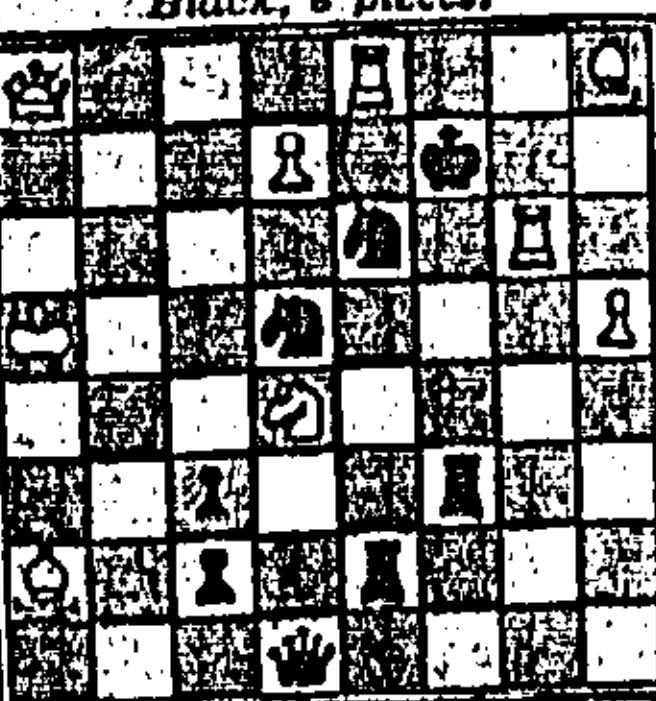
MY friend Dan Defoe played bridge with his report this morning: "I never held a card." This is, of course, a common error a player has a losing hand. Dan was on the losing side in five previous games, so far as I can tell him. For the first rubber the stakes were so many shillings (exactly) per side that each player was stepped up 6s per 100. Fortunately for Dan, each side in the first totalled 800 points less than his predecessor. All the same, Dan's side lost the first rubber.

Now much did the first rubber cost him?

(Solution on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. BAGO
IBCF Tournament 66.
Black, 8 pieces.



WHY ARE YOU CARRYING THAT BRICK? I'M TRYING TO SELL A HOUSE. THIS IS A SAMPLE.



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Go Ahead and Cry; We Are With You

By OSWALD JACOBY

"EVERY bridge player must listen to my tale of woe," writes a sad Chicago fan. "There never was such a fixing since bridge had been played."

"I got to my optimistic contract of five clubs, East opened the four of spades, East took the queen of clubs, the king of spades. Then he quickly led another card from his hand."

"As he led this new card from his hand, he looked at the dummy and said, 'This is a miscalculation. There are two kings of spades in the dummy.' He looked down at the card he had led and turned a bright shade of green. As you can undoubtedly guess, he had led the king of clubs under the impression that he was leading the king of spades."

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"MONKAN"	June 28	July 1	North Africa & Europe
"LA MAREILLEAISE"	July 11	July 13	Marseilles via Saigon
"BIR HAKEIM"	July 20	July 22	North Africa & Europe
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NY Cotton Closes On Rally

New York, June 12. Cotton futures opened higher and despite subsequent rallies and declines maintained an overtone of steadiness and closed on a rally. Activity proceeded at a quiet pace with a good part of the business running over to evening-up in July delivery before the first notice day on June 24.

The market opened up 1 to 9 points, backed and filled over a range of 20 points and then closed group the highs and up 14 to 22 points net. Prices closed today, as follows:

Spot 41.85 nominal

July 40.16-42.27

October 37.25-37.27

December 30.63 bid

May 30.69 bid

July 30.22 bid

October 34.62 bid

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot 40.55

July 39.98-40.16

October 37.25-37.02

December 30.63 nominal

May 30.69 bid

July 30.22 bid

October 34.62 bid

—United Press.

BRITAIN AND TARIFF PACT

Genoa, June 12. There is no indication that Britain intends any precipitous action on the 34-million General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. It was recently reported in a London newspaper that Britain might be considering renunciation of GATT. Trade circles think, however, that there is a growing feeling in Britain in favour of negotiating certain clauses of GATT which would permit an increase in Imperial Preference. —Reuters.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES IN N.Y.

New York, June 12. Canada

England—official

" unofficial

30-day futures

2.69 asked

2.67 bid/

2.66 asked

Australia

New Zealand

South Africa

Denmark

France

West Germany

Italy

Norway

Portugal

Sweden

Switzerland

MANCHESTER

IRAQ

Turkey

Argentina

Brazil

Bolivia

Colombia

Cuba

Mexico

Peru

Uruguay

Venezuela

YAHU EAST

India

Hongkong

Indonesia

Malaya

Philippines

Japan

300 yen to US\$1

—United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, June 12.

Japanese bonds

"A" (4s. of 1901) 70 1/2

"B" (4s. of 1910) 60

"C" (4s. of 1934) 110 1/2

"D" (5s. of 1934) 53 1/2

"E" (5 1/2s. of 1934) 123

Consols 50%

—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, June 12.

World sugar futures closed

today 2 to 6 higher with sales

totalling 193 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed 2 to 6

higher with sales totalling 97

contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world)

2.02 bid/

2.04-2.10

November

Spot 2.05

July

September

October

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December

—United Press.

Huge New Fertiliser Plant Will Increase India's Crops

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New York, June 12. The estimated 1951 world wool consumption has been revised upward from 2,150,000,000 pounds on a clean basis to 2,248,000,000 pounds, the wool Bureau incorporated reported.

The Bureau said: "Wool prices are stiffening throughout the world and premiums are being offered by this country for spot delivery. The delayed production of wool fabrics here and in England threatens a critical shortage of needed materials." —United Press.

Exporter Suggests Remedy

HOW TO CLOSE DOLLAR GAP

London, June 12. The United States is going through its war raw materials at an alarming rate, British export merchants were told in London today.

The Commonwealth on the other hand had not even been completely mapped geographically.

It was full of manganese, chrome, tin, copper, bauxite, lead, sugar, jute, rubber, wool, wheat and a host of other things.

The Chairman, Mr. Richard Willis, told the annual meeting of the National General Export Merchants Group that the way to close the dollar gap was to produce in the Sterling Area more of what we at present imported from the dollar area and more of what the dollar area really needed, even though this might take time.

If meant a change in the present ideas of priority and reconsideration of such arrangements as a general agreement on trades and tariffs, that must be undertaken.

He did not believe that the dollar gap could be closed by direct exports from Britain to America alone.

The gap existed between the United States and the Sterling Area as a whole and it could be closed only by increasing Commonwealth production generally and by strengthening the Pound Sterling. —Reuters.

What matters is that Sindri has been completed and is actually producing ammonium sulphate. India is buying experience in good time.

Unfortunately there is no short cut to the acquisition of experience.

Sindri may not work at full capacity for the first few years, and the machinery's life may be somewhat shorter at the beginning, but all this does not matter.

What matters is that Sindri has been completed and is actually producing ammonium sulphate. India is buying experience in good time.

Then snags arose: first, it took much longer than expected to acquire the land, while land values shot up and labour costs rose out of all proportion to the 1943 estimate.

Then the Government insisted that all machines to be imported should be subject to competitive tender and that only the lowest bidder should get the contract; this one and "half years were lost in haggling with contractors abroad and few valuation pushed costs up further.

The scarcity of cement and steel created internal delays, while the Government's system of licensing imports combined with the inexperience of minor customs officials did nothing to speed matters up.

Eventually the machinery arrived and erection began, under a shower of irrelevant criticisms.

Another difficulty which had not been allowed for is that the low standard of efficiency of the foreman class makes it necessary, in order to ensure the satisfactory running of the plant, to multiply the number of safety devices and gadgets, and such gadgets cost money and require men to service them.

The higher technical staff of Sindri has been adequately trained and it was made a condition of supply that Indian technicians should get training varying from two years to six months from the supplier in the working of the particular machine that they were going to use at Sindri.

Although Indian engineers are on the whole well trained, it cannot be forgotten that a plant like Sindri, which is not the most modern in the world, of its kind, but is also one of the best in Asia outside Japan, is an engineering venture for India.

There is, it is true, one technical plant already in Mysore, but that plant is very small and does not produce ammonium sulphate by the same method.

While the real difficulty at Sindri is not with the higher technical staff but with their subordinates, the foreman has got two parts in the work: to

run the plant and to manage it. The investment necessary for the initialisation of the scheme is estimated at \$1,000,000,000. The high Commissioner said: "The plant will be a great boon to India and will help to increase its exports." —United Press.

Science Aiding Oilmen

London, June 12.

One of the most skilled petroleum field engineers jobs ever completed is today producing first class results. The job consisted of water-flooding the subterranean rock strata comprising the Benton oilfield, Illinois, so as to increase the underground pressure and thus step up the oil output.

This is a typical modern scientific practice in stimulating oilfield's output — but the Benton project was more than normally complicated. For this oilfield lies immediately below one of the world's largest coal mines.

To drill their wells, the oilmen had to sink their boreholes with meticulous accuracy through the centre of the massive columns of coal the mining experts had left to support their colliery workings. Any error in drilling would have sent the heavy rock-blis smashing into open tunnels or shafts.

When it came to the water-flooding project, the oil engineers had to be ultra-careful. They could not drill the usual special "water-injection" wells owing to the network of the mining tunnels, so they converted a number of their producing oil wells to injection wells. And they had to watch the increased subterranean pressure they were creating — the maximum being fixed at 1,000 lbs. per square inch at surface level to prevent flooding the coalfield as well.

Added to these complications was the problem of bringing in the vast quantities of water required. It was estimated that about 875,000 gallons of water per day would be needed when the project was in full swing, and a reservoir holding 1,000,000 gallons was built on the site.

AMPLE COMPENSATION

This in turn was fed from a large natural lake — Lake Moses — some six



Excavations Yield Finds

London, June 12. Excavations in the bombed ruins of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, during the past few days have disclosed what appears to be a Roman rubbish pit.

Work on the site started in February, since when tracts of ancient churches have been found. One church was at least early Roman.

Other excavations in the city have uncovered part of a Roman building in Galworth and a Roman fort at Cripplegate.

Evidence indicated that the fort was dismantled around 200 A.D.—Reuter.

Dozed While Driving

London, June 12. A schoolmaster, David Jenkins, Chairman of his local Road Safety Committee against dangerous drivers, was fined £2 at Midstone today—for dangerous driving.

He dozed at the wheel, mounted a pavement, crashed through a fence, knocked down a stone pillar and smashed up in a garden.

Two schoolboys had to jump clear.

Mr Jenkins, 62, went to hospital with concussion.

A doctor suggested that exhaust gases in the car might have made him sleepy.—Reuter.

Prison Break Fails

Paris, June 12. Paul Dellapina, one of France's most dangerous criminals, made an unsuccessful bid to escape from Fresnes prison here early today.

Dellapina was sentenced to death in his absence for murdering the Norwegian Consul at Marseilles in 1947, having escaped from prison soon after his arrest. The case must be re-examined before sentence is carried out.

Dellapina's latest escape bid, his fourth since the murder of the Consul—failed, because another gangster with whom he made the attempt fell from his cell window, breaking his leg and attracting the attention of the guards.—Reuter.

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COURT REJECTS APPEAL AGAINST EVICTION

A woman, Ip Sau-ying, brought an appeal before Mr Justice Gould at the Appeal Court this morning against a decision by the Tenancy Tribunal to evict her from the first floor, of 172, Queen's Road West, which was being used as a school. The appeal was dismissed by his Lordship remarking that he had not been able to find any ground on which the woman could rely.

Ip Sau-ying, dressed in white European-style dress, conducted her appeal personally while Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr F. H. Losby, represented the respondent, a woman, Yu Fong, who was applicant at the Tribunal hearing.

Asked by his Lordship to explain her grounds of appeal, Ip said that she did not know who was the owner of the house, but since the reoccupation of the Colony she had paid the rent and it was not another woman, Li Sup-sum, who paid the rest (as had been stated at the Tribunal).

His Lordship remanded appellant that the order for eviction that was made on the ground that Li had transferred the premises to the appellant without the authority of the landlord.

Counsel said that when the whole thing was discovered, the appellant went to see the landlady's husband, who was stone deaf, and appellant wrote on scraps of paper what she had to say to him. In April or May 1951 Li disappeared from the scene. Appellant had allowed Li an licensee to sleep on the premises but when she got her certificate from the Director of Education, Li had to leave.

Asked by his Lordship when she started using the premises as a school, appellant replied that the first year after the liberation the school was not registered and she was teaching at night school. In 1950 the school was registered by the Education Department.

BOGUS RECEIPT
Mr Wright pointed to several recent receipts which the President of the Tribunal had also agreed were bogus. Perhaps this had motivated the appellant into not giving evidence, said Mr Wright. Li had sabotaged appellant's case by telling substantially the truth.

At the hearing on January 30 Li did not appear to oppose the application but only appeared at a later stage.

"My case is that there was no sub-letting but an out-and-out transfer. If there was anything in favour of the appellant it would be my duty to put it before the Court. My case is clear," he concluded.

Dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Gould said, "I have not been able to find any ground on which you could rely on this appeal. The matter for decision before the Tribunal was a question of fact. They heard all the evidence and you yourself did not elect to give evidence.

Appellant The lawyer asked me not to speak.

His Lordship: That is your responsibility. He was acting for you. It is not my function to re-try the case but only to make sure that everything correct was done at the Tribunal and that the correct law was applied. Your appeal is dismissed.

On application by Mr Wright, his Lordship made an order for removal from the premises within 30 days and for payment of arrears of rent within one week.

Mr Wright did not apply for costs of the appeal and his Lordship accordingly made no order.

GOLD SEIZURE AT KAI TAK

Revenue officers at the Kai Tak airport this morning seized 300 taels of gold, valued at \$90,000 according to unofficial figures.

An attempt was made to smuggle the gold out of the Colony in a CPA plane scheduled to leave for Bangkok at 8.15 a.m.

Acting on information, Revenue Insp. Harris and Revenue Officer H.K. Cheng boarded the plane and found the gold in three packages of 100 taels each, hidden underneath a radio set.

Four Strokes For Theft

A 17-year-old laundry assistant, Yuen Yung, was given four strokes of the cane and bound over in £300 for 12 months by Mr K.Y. Yung at Kowloon this morning for stealing £75 which he found in a pair of trousers sent to be washed.

Inspector Apps said that the defendant first denied he had found any money when he was questioned by the complainant, Cheng Yan-fai, last Wednesday, but later confessed to the charge when a report was made to the Police.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



Chinese Bank's \$10,000 Claim Against Merchant Firm

A claim for \$10,000 on an alleged bill of exchange was brought by a Chinese bank against a firm of general merchants before Mr Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, in the Supreme Court this morning.

A preliminary objection to a document alleged by the plaintiffs to be a bill of exchange or a promissory note on the ground that it was not a valid document and was therefore void was raised by Mr John McNeill, QC, Senior Counsel for the defendants. He pointed out the document had not been properly stamped.

On the application of Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, for the plaintiffs, who asked for an adjournment to consider his position in view of the objection raised, Mr Justice Williams adjourned the hearing to 10 a.m. next Monday.

Plaintiffs were the Sze Hoi Tong Banking and Insurance Co., Ltd., of 30 Bonham Strand West, while defendants were the Chin Sheng Hong, general merchants, of 29 Bonham Strand West, ground floor.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Messrs Bruton and Co., appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, represented the defendants.

In their claim, plaintiffs state that a document dated November 14, 1941, in the Chinese language and reciting that an exact sum of \$10,000 was remitted from Bangkok by the plaintiff, the bill to be presented to the defendants in Hong Kong for payment 16 days after sight. The document, plaintiffs allege, was endorsed by defendants as "sighted" on November 20, 1941.

Plaintiffs further claimed that the money was remitted by the rice shop to defendants who, by their endorsement (a) accepted the document and liability to pay thereunder and (b) acknowledged that they held the sum of \$10,000 for plaintiffs. The document was presented by plaintiffs for payment but defendants, they alleged, have failed or refused to pay. Plaintiffs claimed the document to be a bill of exchange duly accepted by defendants and was now overdue and unpaid.

Defendants denied they ever accepted and paid on similar documents they had from the rice shop to defendants who, by their endorsement (a) accepted the document and liability to pay thereunder and (b) acknowledged that they held the sum of \$10,000 for plaintiffs. The document was presented by plaintiffs for payment but defendants, they alleged, have failed or refused to pay. Plaintiffs claimed the document to be a bill of exchange duly accepted by defendants and was now overdue and unpaid.

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